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Essay Competition

Last year PLA member Tom Dobson won first prize in the **Alan Langleben Memorial Essay Competition 2020** with his entry exploring the impact of the Supreme Court's important decision in *S Franes Ltd v Cavendish Hotel (London) Ltd*. In addition to winning £1,000 cash, he has now had his essay published in the *Estates Gazette*. [Read more](#)

The **Essay Competition for 2021** will be announced shortly.



News / South Coast

New Chair of South Coast Region

Nicola Davies of Paris Smith LLP has been appointed as the new Chair of the South Coast Region, following Kate New standing down as Chair at the end of 2020. The PLA is very grateful to Kate for her contribution to the Region over a number of years and is delighted to welcome Nicola, who is keen to build on the work done by Kate and to expand CPD training, networking and social activity across the region.

Any PLA members based in the South Coast Region who are interested in becoming involved in the South Coast PLA Committee are invited to contact Nicola.Davies@parissmith.co.uk



News

PLA 2020 Autumn Trilogy

The slides and notes from the [Autumn Trilogy Parts 1 & 2](#) are now available on the PLA website.

Speakers' Corner

Andy Creer (Hardwicke Chambers) – What's the Rush? Lessons from applications for an expedited trial

In light of a number of recent High Court decisions, Andy Creer from Hardwicke considers the approach of the Court when considering an application for a speedy trial.

Click [here](#) to read the article.

Membership Renewals

A second reminder was sent out on 18 January 2021 for this year's membership renewal fees (1st Sept 2020 to 31st Aug 2021). If you have not yet made payment please do so within the next few days. If you have any queries about payment of membership fees please do contact Jo - admin@pla.org.uk.

Please also ensure your member profile on the PLA website is up to date. Click [here](#) to login. This will require a **username** and **password** which you will have set when

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